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FOIA Officer
U.S. EPA, Headquarters
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: FOIA Request for a Copy of the EPA's Report to the NARA

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a Freedom of Information Act request. I am willing to pay up to fifty dollars to obtain a copy of the record I am requesting. If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to direct them to me at the address above or at (404) 753-5477.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated June 21, 2005. The letter is from the Director of the Modern Records Programs for the National Archives and Records Administration. It is addressed to the Chief of the Records, FOIA, and Privacy Branch of the U.S. EPA. Under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, I am requesting a copy of the EPA's response to NARA's June 21, 2005 inquiry, including the statements and descriptions requested in the third paragraph of the letter from NARA.

Sincerely,

Otis Johnson, Jr.

Enclosure: June 21, 2005 letter from Howard P. Lowell to Deborah Williams

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Ms. Deborah A. Williams
Chief
Records, FOIA, and Privacy Branch (2822T)
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 6143-H (EPA West)
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Williams:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is in receipt of a letter (copy enclosed) alleging the unauthorized disposal of 64 boxes of personnel-related records by the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 4. According to the letter, the records consisted of vacancy announcements, recruitment, training, and retirement records from the years 1999 to 2004.

In accordance with 44 USC 2905, the National Archives and Records Administration is obligated to investigate any time there is an allegation of unauthorized destruction of Federal records. We request that you look into this matter and determine whether an unauthorized destruction took place.

If there was an improper destruction of Federal records, please provide us with the report required under 36 CFR 1228.104. Your report should include the following:

- A complete description of the records with volume, dates, and office of origin;
- A statement of the exact circumstances surrounding the destruction of records;
- A statement regarding the safeguards established by EPA to prevent further loss or destruction of Federal records; and,
- The details of the actions taken to salvage, retrieve, or reconstruct the records.

Please respond within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you are unable to complete your inquiry within this time, please let us know what actions you have taken and when you expect to submit the full report.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne K. Wilson at 301-837-3143.

Sincerely,

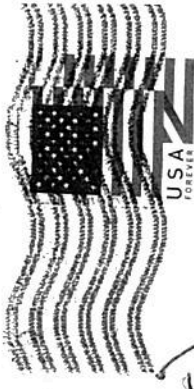
HOWARD P. LOWELL
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